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affect the overall plan is critical. We know there's a problem. If you've been here working for the Legislative Council for 30 years, your benefit is not adequate, that's true. And that is a problem we need to solve. But one of the problems with this bill, one of the reasons with LB 801, now AM1758, was that for some people it would give them more than 100 benefit if they were to retire today. We didn't quite have it all worked out. Some of these folks, and these are good people, I mean God bless them for the work they do. These are great people; working around the Legislature, been here 30 years. But their benefit, if they retired as soon as we pass this, E clause on it, Governor signs it, it's a done deal, their benefit would have been more than 100 percent. We didn't quite have that remedied. I'm not sure which version this is, folks. We've had so many iterations, I can't tell you. And I'm not sure which version this is, because I just got it at five to six. So I want to do something. When we had a chance to vote on the \$300,000 iteration, I and Senator Bourne voted to get it out of committee because I thought it would be valuable to have the discussion out here on the floor. Told Senator Bourne I was going to vote for it, and that I wasn't guaranteeing him that I was going to vote for it on the floor, but sometimes we vote things out that aren't ready to have that discussion on the floor. Well, here it is. I feel like this is...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BRUNING: ...like I'm being told, Bruning, you're a peanut, you're down here, so take it; we're going to shove this through, you didn't do your committee justice well. I apologize, maybe the committee didn't do it justice. But we talked about it, just this bill, in Exec Session, three different times, just this bill; we spent several hours on it. Senator Wickersham, the guy I respect the most about retirement issues, I would say that he knows more than any of us, he was not ready to move this; not because he didn't want to pay staff more, because he didn't think this piece of legislative was ready. So I would urge you to vote against the motion to return; this thing is not ready; trust your committee.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bruning. Motion to